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# An Application to Report Quantitative Measures of the Effectiveness of user Interfaces to be used for Task-Sensitive Evaluations., Phase I



Completed Technology Project (2004 - 2004)

## **Project Introduction**

Micro Analysis and Design (MA&D) proposes to develop and build a tool to assist in the automated design and evaluation of graphical user interfaces (GUIs) under standard windowing environments. GOMS (Goals, Operators, Methods and Selection Rules) based techniques provide a quantitative method for evaluating alternative system designs, but are labor intensive to create. We propose abstracting the Keystroke Level Model GOMS technique to a higher level, the user interface component level. This abstraction will be integrated into a tool that will combine goal and task data with a model of the interface to predict the time to accomplish the goal and the user interface efficiency. The application will also provide a framework for the future development of metrics related to the interface design, user goals, and user characteristics.

## **Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners**



Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
	Lead	NASA	Houston,
	Organization	Center	Texas
Micro Analysis &	Supporting	Industry	Boulder,
Design Inc	Organization		Colorado



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# Organizational Responsibility

#### Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

#### **Lead Center / Facility:**

Johnson Space Center (JSC)

## Responsible Program:

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Colorado	Texas

# **Project Management**

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# **Technology Areas**

#### **Primary:**

- TX06 Human Health, Life Support, and Habitation Systems
  - ☐ TX06.6 Human Systems Integration
    - ☐ TX06.6.1 Human Factors Engineering